

**CITY HEIGHTS REDEVELOPMENT  
PROJECT AREA COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 11, 2008**

The members of the City Heights Project Area Committee (PAC) held their meeting at the Metro Career Center Office Building.

The following members were present:

David Bowen	Fred Lindahl	Joe Sciarretta	Jim Varnadore
Karen Bucey	Torr Melling	Michael Sprague 6:35	Andrea Zinko
Rudy Burlin	David Nelson	Elizabeth Tate	
Astrid Cybulskis	Aide Rodriguez	David Taylor 6:07	
Valentina Hernandez 6:20	Juan Pablo Sanchez	Patty Vaccariello	

The following members were absent: Jay Levine and Tony LoPresti.

Also Present: Melissa Garcia (Redevelopment), Kenia Rivera (Redevelopment).

- I. Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. Roll call was conducted. A quorum was established.
- II. Agenda:**  
David Bowen motioned to approve the agenda seconded by Aide Rodriguez Motion passed 14-0-0.
- III. Minutes:**  
DJ Taylor motioned to approve minutes from January 14, 2008 as amended seconded by David Bowen. Motion passed 14-0-1.
- IV. Public Comment, PAC Members Comment and Staff Announcements**

**Public Comment**

**The following members of the Public made comments:**

Linda Pennington

**PAC Member Comment**

**The following members of the PAC made public comments:**

David Bowen  
Karen Bucey  
Elizabeth Tate  
Jim Varnadore

### **Staff Announcement**

Melissa Garcia gave an update to the PAC regarding the Euclid Tower. Construction drawings should be received by the end of this week after the drawings are received the necessary permits should take 3-4 weeks to attain. Construction on the Tower is expected to take 4-6 weeks. Assuming the project remains on schedule, the tower should be up in about 7-8 weeks. Melissa also gave an update on the City Heights Paseo third ENA. The third ENA expires on March 1, 2008 and the Agency has received a letter from Robert Ito for a fourth ENA. The item will be brought to the PAC next month for a recommendation.

## **V. New Business**

**A. Election of Subcommittee Chairs-Action Item-**No action taken, election of Subcommittee Chairs will take place at each individual subcommittee meeting.

**B. El Nido Apartments Rehabilitation Funding Request-Possible Action Item-**Presentation by Michele St. Bernard Affordable Housing Project Manager. El Nido is a transitional housing program managed by Interfaith Shelter Network for domestic violence victims. The building that the victims reside in is in need of new windows, patio doors, new stucco and paint, and wall insulation. The total requested funds are approximately \$260,000. Several members from the PAC had questions regarding the program. Torr Melling thinks it is a noble project and commends the project, but hopes the organization is obtaining competitive bids for repairs. David Nelson had concerns with the high repair costs, but stated that the Housing Subcommittee did vote 4-1 in support of the \$260,000 in funding for the project. The PAC voted 15-1-1 to approve the funds of up to \$260,000 for the El Nido project.

**C. Recommendation of Eminent Domain use for Auburn Park 15ft Sewer Easement at 5069 University-Possible Action Item-**Presentation by Michele St. Bernard Affordable Housing Project Manager. The easement has been appraised at \$39,200, Mr. Tang has been offered \$5,000 as assistance if he would like to get his own appraisal he has not accepted the offer. This item was presented to the PAC as an information item. Redevelopment Agency staff is still working with Mr. Tang to see if an agreement can be reached.

**D. Aquatic Adventures-Information Item-**Presentation by Katt Eaton, Institute for Public Strategies and Shara Fisler, Aquatic Adventures regarding City Heights Canyons and Communities. Students from Hoover High Rudy Vargas and Cervando Jimenez spoke on behalf of Project C whose mission is to bring public awareness and community change concerning trash and pollutants in Swan Canyon.

## **VI. Old Business**

**A. Redevelopment Agency Restructuring – Information Item-** Melissa Garcia informed the PAC that the Redevelopment Agency restructuring has been postponed until February 26, 2008. Deputy Executive Director of the Redevelopment Agency, Janice Weinrick will bring forth a fiscal analysis that compares the commission model to the current model of the Agency. There were questions as to when the report would be issued and the need to have a special PAC meeting prior to the February 26, 2008 Agency meeting date.

- B. El Cajon Blvd. Pilot Village Project – Information Item-** Melissa Garcia announced that the RFP has not been issued because Redevelopment Staff wants to meet with William Anderson, Janice Weinrick, and key stakeholders of the community which include Rudy Burlin, Jay Levine, and David Nelson of the PAC to discuss the project.

**VII. Chair and Subcommittee Reports**

- A. Chair's Report-** No report.

**B. Housing Subcommittee-**David Nelson gave a report to the PAC regarding the January Housing Subcommittee meeting. Community Housing Works gave an update on how the rate of loans has significantly decreased due to the real estate market.

**C. City Heights Paseo Design Committee-**The City Heights Paseo Design Committee will meet on March 6, 2008.

**VIII. Next Meeting Agenda-** PAC discussion on next meeting's agenda.

- A.** Aquatic Adventures
- B.** City Heights Paseo ENA
- C.** El Cajon Blvd. Pilot Village
- D.** Storefront Improvement Program Guidelines

**IX. Adjournment -**The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.